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Ruling delayed on American Airlines bankruptcy

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The US judge overseeing the bankruptcy of American Airlines parent AMR Thursday declined to approve a final reorganization plan following a US lawsuit against American's proposed merger with US Airways.

US Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane asked lawyers from AMR and other bankruptcy stakeholders for legal briefs on whether to approve the bankruptcy plan.

The Justice Department and several states Tuesday sued to block the American-US Airways merger, arguing the combination would reduce competition and push up fares.

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**Annual Service from Tax
Department in Filing Returns
begins this Saturday Aug. 17**

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Clean up city action addresses addicts and security issues



Renovation of the Main Street is coming to its climax as it enters the final stage, and according to the Department of Infrastructure and Environment, this is the moment

to begin a massive clean up action. Hence, last Wednesday Serlimar organized a clean up action behind the former Hotel Central.

Minister in charge, Benny Sievinger along with other Ministers were at hand to witness the start of the clean up process.

The first steps toward the clean up action was started a day before and on Wednesday they brought in the heavy

equipment to transport all the debris collected in the vicinity and behind the Main Street.

Apparently, this clean up action will not be limited to this area, but will continue into other areas such as Rancho, Madiki and orchestrated in cooperation with the Police, City Inspector, Serlimar and DOW.

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Clean up city action...

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There are two important aspects that they want to focus on, that is the problem of addicts, hence the involvement of the Department of Public Health, and the security of the city center for both business owners and visitors. The job of the police is to order the addicts to vacate the area and avoid the nuisance they cause everyone trafficking the area. The government is intent on cleaning up the total area once and for always.

Cast of Colombian TV programs "Estilo RCN" and "Como en tu Casa" on Aruba



Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) invited the cast of Colombian RCTV programs "Estilo RCN" and "Como en tu Casa" to visit our island. The TV programs, which are broadcast daily, are very popular with an audience of over 10 million viewers both in Colombia and abroad.

While here, the shows covered the Mrs. Universe pageant held this past weekend.

Their ATA liaison and hostess was Jasmine Maduro, who put together an extensive, coordinated program for the visitors. They enjoyed a jeep island tour, courtesy of De Palm Tours, visited De Palm Island, went on a sailing trip with Pelican Adventures and visited the Caribbean Festival in San Nicolas, where they experienced the diverse regional cultures that comprise the population of the east side of the island.

ATA extends its gratitude to Mrs. Isaura Wong Giel and the Mrs. Universe Commission for their cooperation. A heartfelt 'thank you' also goes to all the other sponsors who, one way or the other, helped make this trip memorable; among them: Buccaneer Restaurant, Varadero Yacht club and Westin Aruba Resort & Casino, who played host for Aruba's media guests.

Annual service from Tax Department in filling in returns begins on Saturday, August 17

| Date | Venue | Hour |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| August 17 – 24 2013 | Main office at Camacuri YMCA San Nicolas | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm nonstop |
| August 26 – 31 2013 | Main office at Camacuri Don Bosco Noord | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm nonstop |

ORANJESTAD – As customary for so many years, the Aruba Tax Department once again will provide assistance for residents in filling in their Income Tax declarations for 2012. The program begins this Saturday, August 17, and will continue until Saturday, August 31/

During the first week, morning hours will provide special attention to the retirees. There is no need to make an appointment.

Criteria for being eligible for tax return assistance are the following:

Retirees and other persons with a gross income less than AWG 75,000 per year. For married couples, combined gross income must be less than AWG 150,000 per year.

This assistance is NOT for persons filing a business return or working independently, i.e. owners of taxi/tour bus, Construction Company, restaurant/snack truck, administration office and hairdressers. These businesses have more administrative and fiscal requirements to comply with and it is best for the owners to be assisted by an advisor.

Documents required

The Aruba Tax Department asks all clients to bring along the 2012 Income Tax declaration with all the necessary documents related with income and expenses incurred on Aruba as well as

abroad like:

- 2012 Salary summary;
- Statement of house and or apartment rent income;
- Statement of Elderly pension income;
- Statement of periodic payments to orphan;
- Interest letter of banks and/or institutions;
- Proof of life insurance premium;
- Proof of alimony payment to an ex-spouse;
- Proof of school registration for child(ren) pursuing a study abroad that cannot be done on Aruba;
- Receipt of school expenses i.e. school contribution, study materials and/or tickets expenses for child(ren) pursuing a study abroad that cannot be done

on Aruba

It is very important to include a copy of all the above mentioned documents with the income tax declaration. It is also advisable for clients to self fill in their personal information and that of their family members, which are sections 3, 4, 5 and 25.

For married couples, the wife must also fill in her personal number ('persoonnummer').

The Aruba Tax Department will assist islanders with their 2012 Income Tax Forms until August 31, 2013; this is the deadline, without exceptions.

The last day to submit the 2012 Income Tax Forms is September 2, 2013.

See Schedule above of the venues and hours of assistance

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Government and SEPPA sign agreement Public maintenance employees slated to earn better wages



Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and SEPPA Union Leader, Magaly Brito, signed an agreement this week, which laid out terms for augmenting the salaries of public maintenance personnel. These employees, popularly known as "werksters," will see substantial increases in their wages as a result of this agreement. According to the Prime Minister "we are very proud to be able to make this change."

This change in salary gives our public "cleaning ladies" and maintenance staff a better position and job security. The signing took place in the presence of a large number of public servants ("werksters") who hold a very particular position within this realm. The satisfaction on their faces was quite evident. The Prime Minister indicated that this was something under discussion for quite some time.

In the past, the salaries of those who labor to keep the interior of our governmental agencies and institutions clean were fixed no matter how many years of service they had. Pleased to deliver the good news, PM Eman then explained how the increase would be structured. Also, pay scales would differentiate between heavy maintenance and lighter work.

For those employees holding positions requiring "lighter" work, the salary was Fls.1895,00 monthly; "heavy" work received

Fls.2135,00, which remained unchanged despite years of service. The protocol signed institutes a change in the salary structure. The government has begun working on implementing the upgrade in pay as of this very month. Eman said, "if all the paperwork can be completed by month's end, you will see the difference in your salaries as of this very month."

Salaries of those doing lighter work will increase by Fls.220 per month. Those already on the job for seven years will now receive an increase of Fls.330 and earn Fls.2225,00. Workers with ten years of service will receive an additional pay raise of Fls. 55, for a total monthly salary of Fls.2280. Those with 13 or more years of service will earn a salary of Fls.2390, a total increase of Fls.495.

For those employed in heavy maintenance work and three years of service, currently earn Fls.2135, their monthly income will be Fls.2270, an increase of Fls.135. Employees with seven years of service will earn Fls.2345; a Fls.210 increase. Those with a ten year will receive an increase of Fls.285 to earn Fls.2420 monthly. Finally, 13 year or more veterans receive a salary augmentation of Fls.435 to earn of Fls.2570 per month. The Prime Minister expressed great satisfaction for this tremendous improvement in the salary positions of our public servants. He had words of praise for all those who participated in the process and who diligently worked on the salary structure. Special mention and thanks was directed to Magaly Britto for her valuable contribution to the process and for her untiring support for the members of the SEPPA Union.

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L'Oreal in \$843mn bid for Chinese skincare company

PARIS (AFP) - French cosmetics giant L'Oreal announced Thursday a \$843 million bid to acquire the Hong Kong-listed facial care company Magic Holdings International.

The proposed bid of HK\$6.30 per share is worth a total of HK\$6.53 billion (US\$843 million, 636 million euros), according to a joint statement by the companies released on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

The offer represents a premium of nearly 25 percent over the closing price of HK\$5.05 on the last trading day before the announcement, it added.

"L'Oreal's proposal is supported by Magic's Board of Directors," the French company said in a separate statement.

"Six key shareholders, representing 62.3 percent of the company's equity, are already committed to supporting L'Oreal's proposal," it added.

The approval of China's commerce ministry is required for the transaction.

L'Oreal said Magic's MG brand is one of the leaders in China's fast-growing cosmetic facial mask market, adding that it intends to aid MG's further development with its scientific expertise.

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The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

This very cute, cozy place is open for lunch and dinner daily, except Sundays and Mondays, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. It is located directly across from the BSL Laundry on Captain Rodgerstraat, which runs along the refinery wall parallel to the San Nicolas main street.

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Cas Animal Cont'd The mission for Aruba's first no-kill dog shelter is back on track



Kiki back in shape and back on the job

The last few articles THE MORNING NEWS did a story about Cas Animal dog rescue foundation and its founder Kirsten Arndt, supporters were dismayed to hear she was desperately ill and in need of traveling to Colombia to have a non-cancerous tumor removed from her spinal cord. Located at the juncture of her neck and head, it had her literally paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair.

"Kiki" had her operation in mid-May, and the results have been miraculous. It has come to her attention that several people mistakenly thought this temporary setback had derailed her efforts, and primary mission in life:

to establish a proper no-kill dog sanctuary on Aruba. It was always her intention, even if things had not worked out so well, to finance the facility, with other volunteers as passionate about the project continuing her work.

The project is in its final stages, the designs approved, the land apportioned, and all the preliminaries out of the way for a showcase of a dog shelter that will comfortably house up to 250 canines, a clinic, and also a petting zoo for some exotic animals also in need of a good home. All that is left is for the building permits to be issued and the work will begin.

Since her recover in June, she has been out daily rescuing dogs off the street, with a few new additions to the family; always with the intention of placing them in good homes whenever possible. The newest has just been dubbed "Ranger" by Kirsten's partners in this effort, Contreras Veterinary Clinic. This is where the dogs are brought for rehabilitation and neutering, once they are rescued from the streets. They share the Cas Animal Foundation philosophy of saving dogs from abuse and abandon-

ment. Ranger is basically in good health, a tad anemic, which is common with dogs that have not been scrupulously treated for ticks and fleas, but he is blind. His anemia is being treated and as soon as blood levels are acceptable for surgery, he will be neutered. He is very sweet natured and friendly.

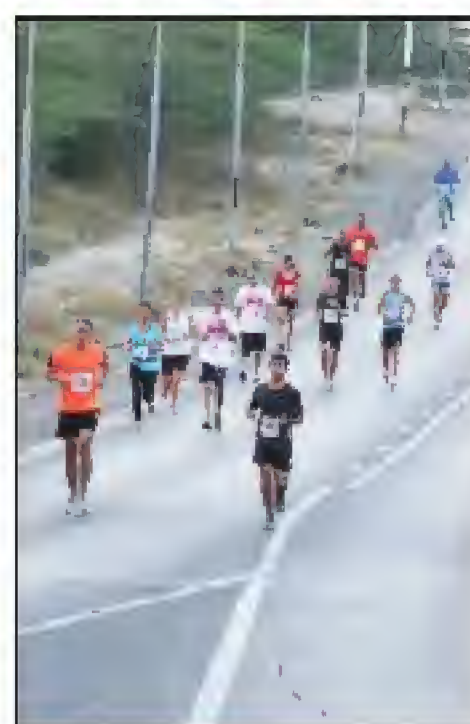
Kirsten now cares for nearly 30 dogs in her home, which she has converted into a temporary shelter. Most are older, calmer dogs, which have gotten past the chewing stage, if families are looking for a good companion. There are always puppies as well, in need of good homes. Her costs for feeding, treating and neutering all the dogs she rescues and maintains are astronomical.

If anyone wishes to help, they can support her with donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call: 587-0917, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, or see one in distress, call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take one home.

This is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new members of their households.

By Rosalie Klein

This Sunday, August 18th All Distance Runners Aruba is organizing the third "General Store 10K"



All Distance Runners Aruba, a running club association, in cooperation with General Stores Aruba, is organizing the third "General Store 10K" run/walk. This will be held this Sunday August 18th, 2012, starting at 6 o'clock in the morning. The start line will be in front of the General Store Do It Best located at Savaneta, on the highway to San Nicolas. The route will be on the highway heading west, where the race will finish in front of the General Store Camacuri, next to the airport area. This route is very attractive for the participants, for they will be running and walking with the wind blowing to the west, the same direction they are going.

There will be prizes for

the overall winner male and female runners and per different age categories.

And for the walkers we will have prizes for the overall winners male and female.

Be part of this event and pre-register today at the office of IBISA, Runners in Oranjestad, at the General Stores Camacuri and Savaneta and at Do It Best Centre at Shaba. Participation fee is AWG 15.00 for locals and US\$ 10.00 for non-local.

This includes a t-shirt, water at the start and on the route. At the finish there will be water, Gatorade and fruits. On the morning of the race there will be free transportation from the General Store Camacuri (next to the airport area) to General Store Do It Best in Savaneta.

On the day of the race is not possible to register and pay, so do pre-register. Last day to do this will be Saturday, August 17th at Runners or at one of the General Stores and Do It Best Centers.

For more information you can contact Mr. Lloyd Wever at telephone 592-8592 or email adraruba@gmail.com.

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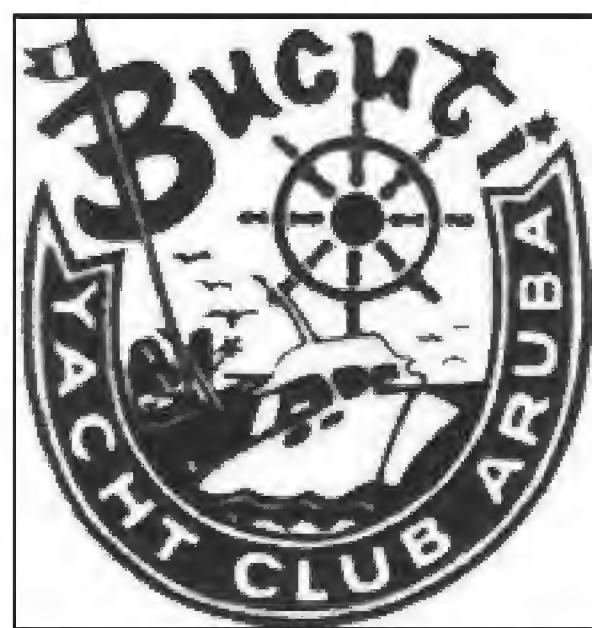
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"Santa Rosa joins with the Bucuti Yacht Club in staging Aruba 40th International Sailfish Tournament"



Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries supports to local fishing tournaments

The weekend of August 23, 24 and 25 will be a busy one for all those passionate about fishing. Bucuti Yacht Club will be conducting its 40th Annual Sailfish Tournament. Some 25 yachts are expected to participate in the tournament, vying for one of the largest purses in the history of fishing tournaments on

Aruba: a \$25,000 (U.S.) cash prize. Registration is \$1,000 and the last day to register is August 22, at 8:00 p.m.

Sailfish are a protected species. Thus, the tournament must follow all the international rules stipulated by IGFA (International Game and Fish Association), which includes, among others, the "catch and release" practice of restoring the sailfish back to the sea unharmed.

On Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25, Santa Rosa, the government agency of agriculture, livestock and fisheries, will conduct its Mini-market at Bucuti Yacht Club, in a show of support for the art of big game fishing, while offering islanders the opportunity to buy produce, live plants and local food at bargain prices.

There will be 12 tents selling delicious fare like Lionfish soup and filet, vegetarian snacks, grilled pork and goat meat, stewed goat, fish balls, keri keri (minced fish) Johnny Cake, Cala (fried bean batter), chicken and rice, meat soup and, for the kids, hotdogs and hamburgers.

For those with a sweet tooth, there will be tents with a large assortment of cakes, coconut sweets and our local fruit bread, the Pan Dushi, a favorite with coffee or tea. There will also be a number of vendors selling fruit juices, ginger syrup and smoothies.

During the Friday Happy Hour, entertainment will be by the TST Band. On Saturday, the Santa Rosa market will start at 12 noon and close at 8:00 p.m. with entertainment by Rincon Boyz, known for their traditional regional rhythms, providing ex-

ceptional island ambiance to the entire event.

On Sunday, the market will be from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Grupo di Betico will close-off the 40th International Sailfish Competition, with their entertaining repertoire of typical music.

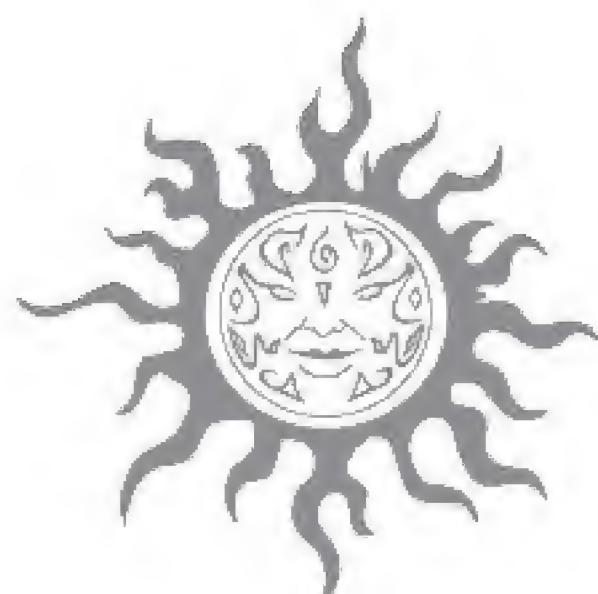
Santa Rosa invites everyone to come to the Bucuti Yacht club for a pleasurable day with exceptional food, while demonstrating their support for the Bucuti Yacht Club Aruba 40th International Sailfish Tournament.



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Pentagon unveils new measures against sexual assaults

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon announced new measures Thursday to combat sexual assault in the military but stopped short of stripping commanders of legal authority over the criminal cases as demanded by many lawmakers.

The moves, unveiled in a memo from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, include ensuring legal representation for sexual assault victims at every step of the judicial process, allowing victims to offer testimony at sentencing hearings and providing more scrutiny from the Pentagon's inspector general.

"All of these measures will provide victims additional rights, protections, and legal support, and help ensure that sexual assault-related investigations and

judicial proceedings are conducted thoroughly and professionally," Hagel said in his memo to department staff members.

The White House praised the initiatives as "substantial" but added that it was "only a step along a path toward eliminating this crime from our military ranks."

Some of Obama's fellow Democrats, however, dismissed the measures as paltry in the face of such a serious problem.

Representative Jackie Speier called the initiatives mere "baby steps" that codified practices already in place.

"These aren't new policies. We need sweeping changes; not the best of what's not working. I continue to be underwhelmed by the military's baby steps on this issue," the Democrat said

in a release.

Speier and other lawmakers are urging an overhaul of the military justice system to remove sexual assault cases from the chain of command, as they argue victims remain reluctant to come forward to avoid damaging their career prospects.

Under the current system, commanders decide whether a case should go to trial, who should sit on a jury for a court-martial and can overturn a verdict or revise sentences for those convicted.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, who has led a push to take away the commanders' authority in sexual assault cases, said the Pentagon's latest measures were "positive" but "not the leap forward required" to stem the scourge.

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South American defense ministers meet in Brazil over Amazon

BRASILIA (AFP) - South American defense ministers gathered in the northern Brazilian city of Manaus Thursday to discuss how to improve monitoring of the huge Amazon region.

Attending the seminar which runs through Friday are Brazil's Celso Amorim, Colombia's Juan Carlos

Pinzon and Ecuador's Maria Fernanda Espinosa.

The seminar is part of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)'s objective to upgrade a system to manage special and isolated areas of the world's biggest rainforest, including indigenous reserves and environmental sanctuaries.

California Supreme Court rejects gay marriage ban bid

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - California's Supreme court has rejected a last-ditch attempt to revive the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

Supporters of Proposition 8 -- a controversial ballot measure approved by voters in 2008 which banned same-sex marriage -- had requested that the measure continued to be enforced in California.

The backers argued that a 2010 ruling by a federal judge which declared Proposition 8 unconstitutional should be ignored.

However the request was dismissed by the California Supreme Court in a ruling on Wednesday. The court did not release its reasons for the dismissal of the petition.

The attempt to resurrect Proposition 8 came after the

US Supreme Court's historic June 26 decision which ruled that same-sex marriage opponents had no legal standing to appeal the federal judge's 2010 ruling which overturned the ban.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal swiftly lifted a stay it had placed on the ruling during the appeals process, a move which allowed same-sex marriages to resume.

"Prop 8 is dead and never coming back. As we celebrate this great victory, we remember the 37 other states without marriage equality," said Chad Griffin, president of LGBT advocacy group Human Rights Campaign.

Thirteen US states plus the capital Washington, a federal district, allow gay marriage.



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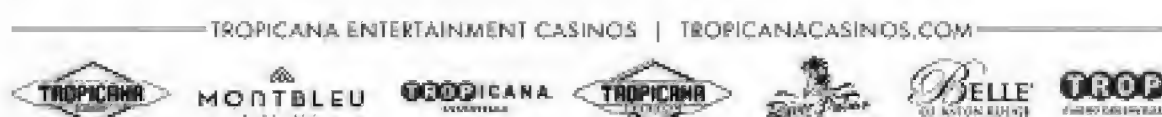
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International News



STO.DOMINGO (AFP) - One of the participants in the graduation ceremony of the first 70,000 students of the "Quisqueya learn with you" program in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic yesterday. According to official sources, about 70 thousand people learnt to read and write with the literacy program. Dominican Republic seeks to teach to read and write to more than 850 thousand people.



LENANON (AFP) - This still image released by the SITE Intelligence Group on Thursday shows a scene from a video released by a group calling itself the "Battalions of 'Aisha, the Mother of the Believers, for External Missions," claiming credit for the bombing in the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital, Beirut, on August 15. According to a SITE statement, the alleged group gave its claim in a video uploaded on YouTube, showing three masked men, two of them armed with rifles, in a room. Addressing Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and his organization, the Battalions of 'Aisha called the bombing its "second message" and threatened more attacks.

Colombian colonel who took down Pablo Escobar gets prison

BOGOTA (AFP) - A Colombian police colonel who led the operation that took down notorious drug lord Pablo Escobar has been sentenced to nine years in prison for ties to a paramilitary group.

The Supreme Court Wednesday determined that retired colonel Hugo Aguilar had been elected governor of the northwest Santander department in 2003 with the support of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) paramilitary group.

The right-wing organization, whose 31,000 combatants were demobilized in 2006, is accused of carrying out killings and other rights abuses in a secret war against leftist guerrillas.

In 2011, Colombia's inspector general, who oversees the conduct of public officials, said Aguilar was ineligible to serve in public office for 20 years for promoting and collaborating with the AUC.

According to ex-paramilitary chief Edgar Cobos, who went by the alias Diego Vecino, Aguilar "joined the AUC's political project" at a summit of paramilitary leaders that he attended with other politicians.

One of the other politicians present, former senator Luis Alberto Gil, was sentenced to seven years in prison and has already regained freedom.

Escobar was the head of the Medellin cartel which dominated cocaine trafficking from Colombia to the United States in the 1980s.

Mexico orders arrest of freed drug lord on US request

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A Mexican judge on Wednesday ordered the arrest of notorious drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero -- who was freed last week on a technicality -- after receiving a US extradition request.

US authorities were outraged by the surprise release of Caro Quintero, who had served just 28 years of a 40-year sentence for the abduction, torture and killing of a US drug agent in 1985.

The 60-year-old, once a senior figure in a now-defunct cartel, was convicted of killing the US Drug Enforcement Agency's Enrique Camarena and his Mexican pilot Alfredo Zavala.

But on August 7 a judge in the western state of Jalisco ordered his release, and Caro Quintero has gone missing since he left prison.

The federal judge accepted the request from the US government, saying Caro Quintero was wanted for "various offenses" in the state of California, the Mexican attorney general's office said.

If and when Caro Quintero is detained, US authorities will have 60 days to submit a formal extradition request, it added.



The US National Security Council had said Sunday it was "deeply concerned" by Caro Quintero's release and feared another individual connected to the Camarena killing could also be set free.

Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Meade downplayed the dispute over the release, saying it would not affect relations with Washington because both governments opposed the court ruling, which he said should be "revised."

Caro Quintero was a leading figure in the Guadalajara Cartel. The now-defunct organization was one of the early Mexican drug mafias that linked up with Colombian groups to smuggle cocaine and other drugs into the United States.



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Britain lifts ban on health workers with HIV

LONDON (AFP) - The British government said Thursday it would lift a ban on staff with HIV working in the state-run National Health Service from carrying out certain procedures on patients.

Staff who are undergoing treatment for HIV will be able to carry out all procedures from which they are currently banned, including surgery and dentistry, provided they are having effective anti-retroviral drug therapy.

England's chief medical officer, Professor Sally Davies, said there was no proof that anyone had contracted HIV from a health worker and it was time to scrap "outdated rules".

She said improved treatment meant HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus that can lead to AIDS, could often be managed and carriers could lead long and normal lives.

Self-testing kits for HIV will also be legalised in Britain from April 2014, to improve early detection of the disease.

"We've got outdated rules," said Davies.

Davies said huge improvements in the treatment of HIV meant that today, carriers can lead "lives that are normal in quality and length".

There are about 100,000 people with HIV in Britain although experts say a quarter of those who are infected do not know they have it.

In 2011, there were around

6,000 new diagnoses of HIV.

Apart from being on retroviral drugs, healthcare workers must also have an undetectable viral load of HIV, meaning the level of the virus in their blood is so low that the likelihood of transmitting it to another person is greatly reduced.

They will also have to be monitored every three months and sign a confidential register of infected staff.

There have been just four cases in Western countries of health workers infecting patients, with no cases ever recorded in Britain.

Deborah Jack, chief executive of the National Aids Trust (NAT), welcomed the new policy, which she said was "based on up-to-date scientific evidence and not on fear, stigma or outdated information".

Professor Damien Walmsley, scientific advisor to the British Dental Association, said the change brought Britain in line with many other countries.

Facebook boosts connections, not happiness: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - People who use Facebook may feel more connected, but less happy.

A study of young adults released Wednesday concluded that the more people used Facebook, the worse they subsequently felt.

"On the surface, Facebook provides an invaluable resource for fulfilling the basic human need for social connection," said University of Michigan social psychologist Ethan Kross, lead author of the study.

The researchers recruited

82 young adults who had smartphones and Facebook accounts and assessed their subjective well-being by texting them at random times five times a day for two weeks.

The researchers said the study, published in the scientific journal PLOS, was believed to be the first measuring Facebook's impact on happiness and life satisfaction.

The researchers monitored the study group by asking them how they felt, whether they were worried or lonely, how much they used Facebook and how much they interacted "directly" with people.

"The more people used Facebook at one time point, the worse they felt the next time we text-messed them," the researchers wrote. "The more they used Facebook over two weeks, the more their life satisfaction levels declined over time."

In contrast, personal interactions led people to feel better over time, they noted.

The scientists also found no evidence that Facebook use was merely a symptom of feeling low. People were not more likely to use Facebook when they felt bad, although they did use the social network more frequently when they were lonely.

Yet the researchers stopped short of claiming the same effect for all Facebook users or other social networks.

The study comes a week after British researchers published a report concluding that frequent photo posting on Facebook can damage real-life relationships.

Grandma Gives Birth to Twin Granddaughters

--Susie Kozisek (53) of Ventura, Iowa, served as a gestational carrier for daughter Ashley Larkin, 28, whose health complications (pulmonary hypertension) made pregnancy dangerous. The proud grandma also carried the Larkins' older daughter. A gestational carrier volunteers to carry a pregnancy for another woman who cannot carry a pregnancy for herself. The eggs and sperm are harvested from the biological parents and united through in vitro fertilization. The resulting embryo is then implanted in the carrier's uterus.



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French sex toys go organic as consumers seek ethical kicks



PARIS (AFP) - The French have long prided themselves on their sexual prowess, but a new breed of entrepreneur armed with ethically-sourced condoms and preservative-free vibrators wants to take the eco-conscious to new heights of organic ecstasy.

When he launched the first 100 percent organic "erotic cosmetics" line two years ago, Frederic Donnat saw a gap in the market that was "more interesting than the usual organic beauty products".

The owner of French firm Divinextases has since seen

sales triple to 450,000 euros (600,000 dollars) after refocusing his online business to "eco-erotic" products, earning him a quality label from France's national organic federation.

With eight products today, he hopes to introduce four new items next year and is seeking to start exporting to "mature markets" in Sweden and Norway, the 45-year-old told AFP.

From balms for buttocks left sore by a spanking session to intimate perfumes, all Donnat's products are made in

France with sustainable materials from reputable sources. They use beeswax and shea butter rather than palm oil and all are wrapped in recyclable packaging.

Despite these criticisms, France's eco-erotic entrepreneurs are adamant: sex sells. They remain convinced that sex with a conscience might sell even better.

In Peru, drones used for agriculture, archeology



LIMA (AFP) - Drones are most often associated with assassinations in remote regions of Pakistan and Yemen but in Peru, unmanned aircraft are being used to monitor crops and study ancient ruins.

Forget Reapers and Predators -- the drones used here are hand-held contraptions that look like they were assembled in a garage with gear from a hardware store.

They are equipped with a microcomputer, a GPS tracker, a compass, cameras and an altimeter, and can be easily programmed by using Google Maps to fly autonomously and return to base with vital data.

"These aircraft are small in size, are equipped with high-precision video or photo cameras and go virtually unnoticed in the sky," said Andres Flores, an electrical engineer in charge of the UAV program at Peru's Catholic University.

Flores heads a multidisciplinary team brainstorming the best ways to use drones for civilian purposes.

One UAV model built by Catholic University engineers is made with light balsa wood and carbon fiber. At a glance the devices look like souped-up hand-held glider.

One limitation is that these drones must fly below the clouds. If not their instruments, especially the cameras, could fail, said Aurelio Rodriguez, who is both an aerial model-maker and archeologist.



WASHINGTON (AFP): A Smithsonian Institution staff holds a skull of an olinguito, a new species of Carnivore which has been newly discovered, for photographers during a news conference August 15, 2013 at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, DC. It took Kristofer Helgen, curator of mammals at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and his team on a journey from museum cabinets in Chicago to cloud forests in South America to discover and confirm the new species of olinguito (*Bassaricyon neblina*), which has been mistakenly identified for more than 100 years. It's also the first carnivore species to be discovered in the American continents in 35 years.

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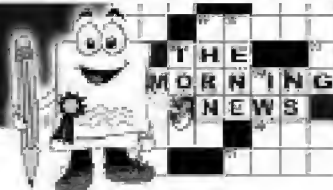
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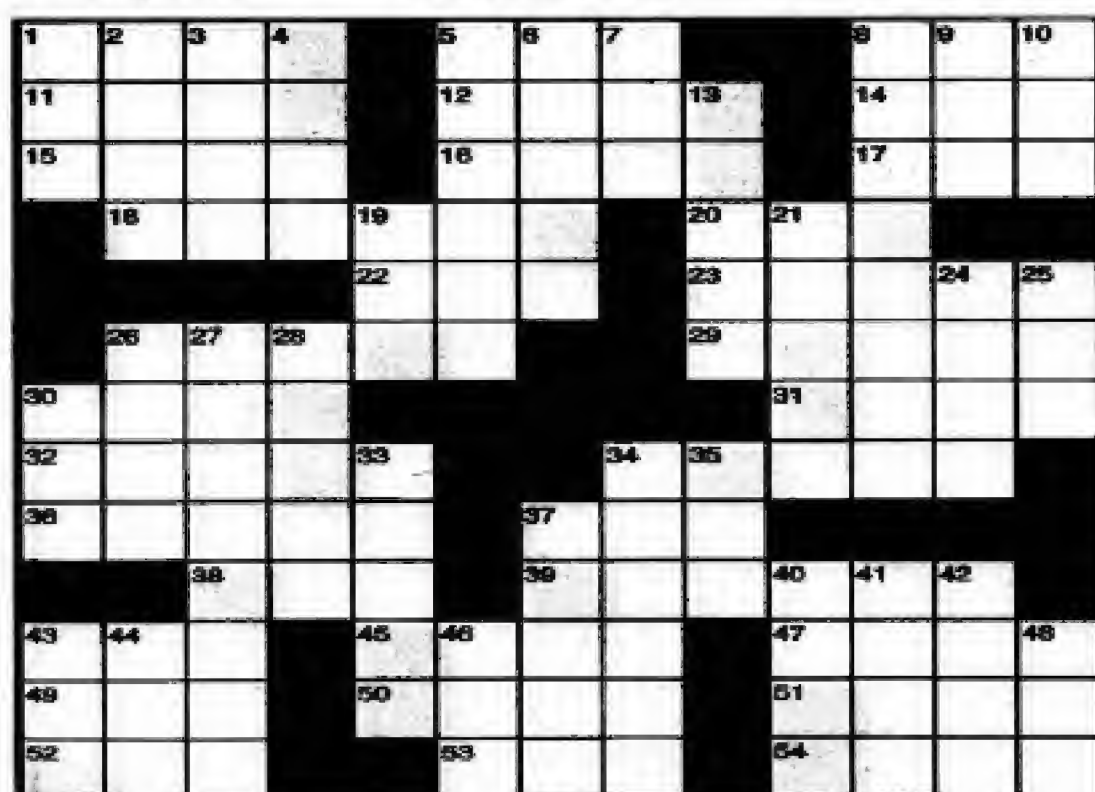
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34. Comedian Paul
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24. Lemming's kin
25. Pausers' sounds
26. Stretch across
27. Where some drives wind up
28. Intertwine the hair
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33. Footballer Bart
34. Group of puppies
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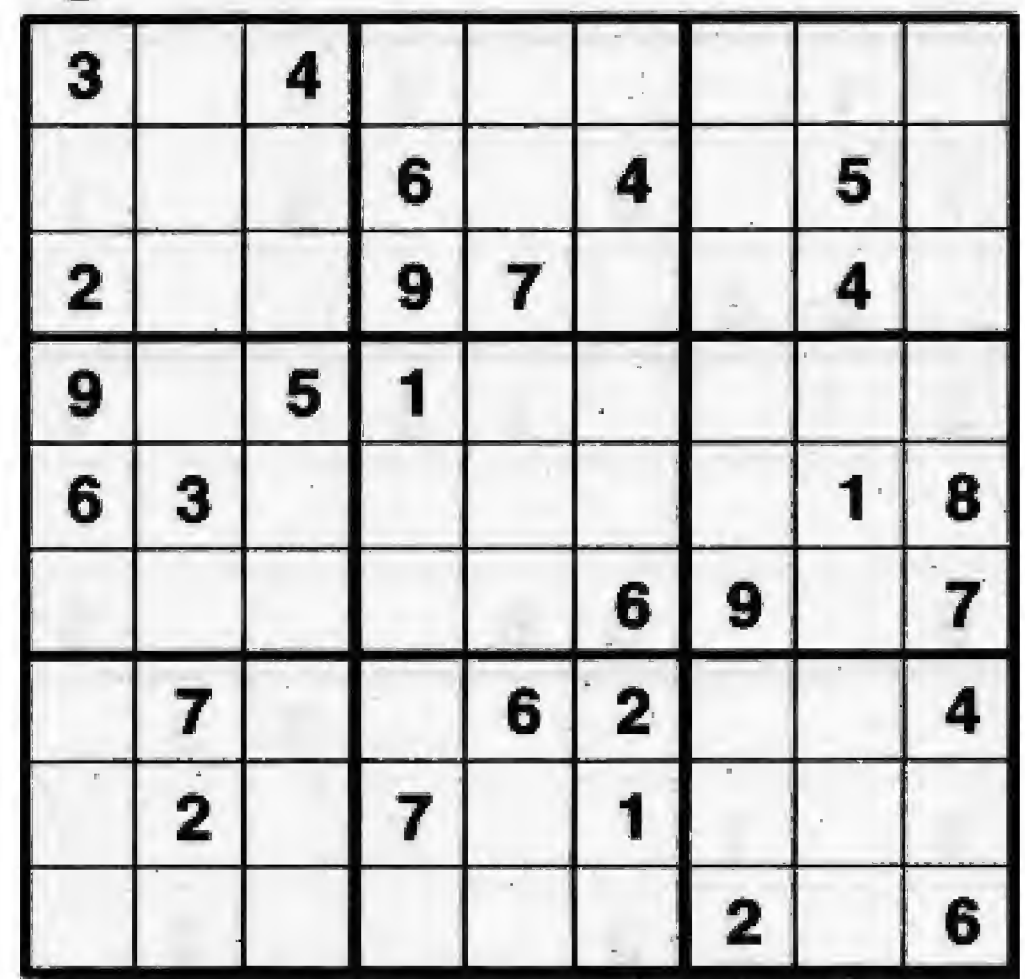
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Oil prices rise on violence in Egypt

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices jumped Thursday as spiralling violence in Egypt raised concerns that petroleum supplies could be threatened.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for September delivery rose 48 cents to \$107.33 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

European benchmark Brent crude for delivery in September increased 91 cents to \$111.11 a barrel.

Thursday's rise in oil prices came as escalating violence in Egypt.

Consultant Stephen Schork noted that Thursday's rise in oil came even as US equity markets retreated significantly. The two markets frequently move in tandem, he said, suggesting a political "risk premium" has

reentered the oil market.

Traders are worried that the unrest could hit crude shipments through the Suez Canal and Sumed Pipeline, which provide a link between Europe and oil producers in the Gulf.

Although Egypt is not a major oil producer, the Suez canal carries about 2.5 million barrels daily, about 2.7 percent of global supply.

Global gold demand down to a four-year-low

MUMBAI (AFP) - Global demand for gold fell to a four-year-low in the second quarter despite a surge in demand from India and China as the metal became cheaper, the World Gold Council (WGC) said Thursday.

Gold demand slid 12 percent to 856.3 tonnes, from 974.3 tonnes a year earlier, as investors quit bullion funds and central banks reduced their purchases, its report said.

But India and China, the world's main gold-consuming nations, saw a jump in demand as global prices fell on fears of a sooner-than-expected tapering of the US stimulus as the American economy recovers.

Global gold prices fell by around a fifth this year to near three-year-lows in June, of \$1,130.71 an ounce.

This resulted in a 400-tonne drop in gold-backed investment funds in the quarter, after international gold prices slid sharply this year.

In value terms, gold demand in the April-June quarter fell 23 percent to \$39 billion as international gold prices slumped.

Buying by global central banks also eased, dropping 57 percent year-on-year to 71.1 tonnes, the council said.

But India, the largest buyer of gold, showed a 71 percent jump in demand to 310 tonnes -- a decade-high level. And China's gold demand surged 87 percent to 257.5 tonnes as gold became cheaper.

India and China dominate the global stage, accounting for 60 percent of jewellery demand, the council says.

Indians bought more gold even as their government raised gold import duties three

times this year to try to narrow a record trade gap and stabilise a sharply depreciating rupee.

Gold is hugely popular in India, especially during religious festivals and wedding seasons, and is the second biggest contributor after oil to the current account deficit -- the broadest measure of trade.

Marcus Grubb, managing director (investment) at the WGC, said the second quarter saw "a rebalancing in the market" amid investment sales and a sharp rise in demand for gold bars, coins and jewellery.

Dutch inflation rate will ease later this year, says central bank

DEN HAAG - The current high rate of inflation in the Netherlands is only temporary and will 'ease off significantly' in the course of this year, the Dutch central bank said on Thursday.

Government measures rather than energy bills are pushing up inflation, the bank said.

The increase in value-added tax has added 1 percentage point and the increase in tax on insurance and extra rises in housing rents have also contributed, the central bank statement said.

Dutch inflation is currently twice as high as inflation in the eurozone as a whole, at 3.1%.

Five arrested for smuggling 200 kilos of heroin, aimed at Britain

DEN HAAG - Five people have been arrested in the Netherlands in connection with the seizure of 202 kilos of heroin in a consignment of textiles in Rotterdam port.

The drugs were found hidden in boxes of textiles in a container from Pakistan that was destined for the British market, the public prosecution department said in a statement.

The drug had been divided into over 2,000 plastic bags of around one kilo each. With an average price of around €45 a gramme in Britain, according to EU figures, the street value of the haul is around €9m.

Two of the five arrested have British nationality. One, a 31-year-old man, who is con-

sidered to be the main suspect, was arrested while driving on the A2 motorway near Nieuwegein. His 23-year-old passenger, from Amsterdam, was also arrested.

The second British man was arrested at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport on Monday. The 38-year-old was on the point of flying to London, the public prosecutor said.

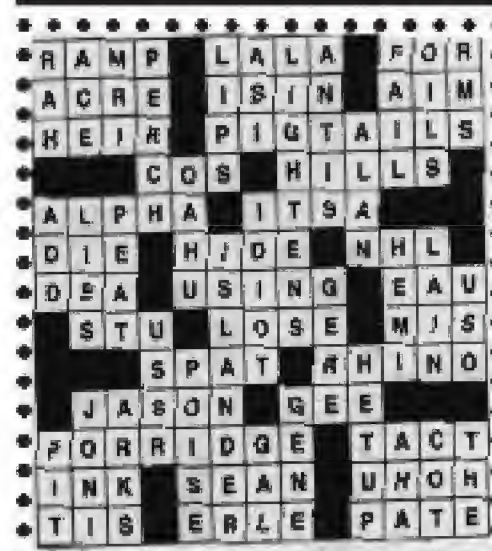
Later on Monday, a 32-year-old man from Pakistan and a 56-year-old Amsterdammer were also arrested driving on the A2, this time near Den Bosch.

All five are expected to be remanded in custody on Thursday.



—David H. Brooks, 58, founder and former chief executive of DHB Industries Inc., the founder of America's leading supplier of body armor to the U.S. military was sentenced Thursday to 17 years in prison for running a \$185 million stock swindle in which he used the proceeds to finance luxuries such as lavish parties. The company saw its fortunes soar after the Sept. 11 attacks and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Its stock skyrocketed \$2 a share in early 2003 to nearly \$20 a share in late 2004, something prosecutors said was due to the scheme. A federal judge ruled that he must forfeit \$59.6 million in insider trading proceeds and also pay restitution to those he defrauded into investing into his company.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite



-- The Buccaneer Restaurant is a legendary favorite from day one that the doors opened 35 years ago. The nautical, laid back restaurant located in-between the high and low rise hotels in Aruba.

The restaurant is owned and run by Josef Munzenhofer, a local Aruban who kept many of the father's traditional recipes and added new entrees. The menu is a wide and varied menu that is focused mainly on fresh caught local seafood dishes

and for the not seafood lover's, poultry, lamb, angus cut beef, pasta and duck. On a daily basis the chef creates specials including a daily soup. Every food item on the menu is made from scratch every day. Some popular food choices are the "Bar-racuda Meunière" with a light caper lemon sauce, "Shrimp Trio" your choice of three types of shrimp entrees, "Seduction of the sea" a medley of grilled seafood favorites served with pasta and

vegetables, Ceviche & Escar-got are among the best sellers for appetizers and if you love rack of lamb with mint sauce than feast on this.

The restaurant has a welcoming, nautical feel with an extensive 18,000 gallon aquarium wall in the main dining room and smaller aquariums at the cozy booth, coastal maps, diving helmet,



Veal Chop



Surf & Turf

old fashion compass, shells and the eye stopper bar produced by the owner himself with tables to match, and so much more. The restaurant location is 11C Gasparito. Making a reservation is easy just call 586-6172 or email us buccaneer-aruba@yahoo.com. Planning a party or special event than Buccaneer is the right choice for you. Checkout the

website with a video included of the legendary restaurant that stands out from all the rest. The Buccaneer kitchen is open Monday through Saturday 5:30-10:00 pm & Happy Hour from 5:30-7:00 pm, closed on Sundays. Buccaneer is known for their reasonable prices and their along with a top-notch team who have kept satisfied guests coming back.

Twitter plea for pot costs Canadian his job



OTTAWA (AFP) - A Toronto area mechanic who posted a Twitter message seeking marijuana to alleviate boredom at work this week got an unexpected reply -- from police with an apparent sense of humour.

The young man also lost his job after his boss was alerted, Canadian media said Thursday.

Posting under the user name Sunith Baheerathan, he wrote on Tuesday: "Any dealers in Vaughan wanna make a 20sac chop? Come to Keele/Langstaff Mr. Lube, need a spliff or two to help me last this open to close (shift)."

Police spotted the post and

were first to reply: "Awesome! Can we come too?"

The exchange, which prompted chuckles across the Internet, has since been retweeted more than 3,000 times.

Constable Blair McQuillan, the officer who sent the message, told AFP that police wanted it to be known that they monitor the Internet and that people can be held accountable for what they say on Twitter.

Toronto police have launched investigations from Twitter postings in the past, he noted, but none so far have lead to criminal charges.

"In this case, we felt that

sending officers to the Mr. Lube to wait for someone to show up (and commit a crime) wouldn't be the best use of our resources," McQuillan said.

"So we decided to take a

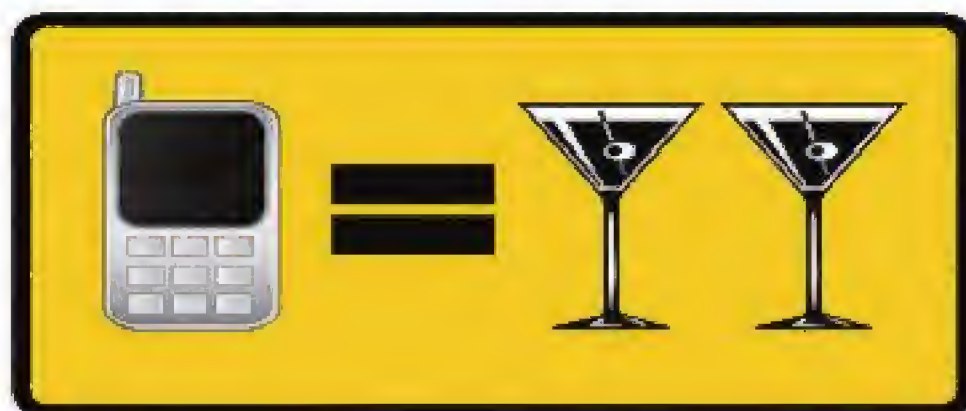
light-handed approach to crime prevention."

"We knew that sending out messages like 'Don't do drugs' would get lost in this

vast online network, so we tried to engage with people in a humorous way and show that we're not just drones with badges."



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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 3 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

SPORTS



-- We are en route to the World Cup 2014 Brazil. Today we'll begin a little history of the best defenders of all time. We will start with 5 of the list of 20 players who with his talent and skill, contributed greatly to his national team.

Paolo Cesare Maldini (* Milan, province of Milan, Italy, on June 26, 1968-) is a former footballer Italian who played as a central defender, and rarely left for AC Milan in the Serie A of Italy. Son of former player and Italian coach Cesare Maldini, step your entire career with AC Milan, becoming the player to more fashion shirt rossonera and which most matches played in the Italian Serie A.

In his long career, Maldini has an extensive record shows, won with Milan seven Scudettos, a cup of Italy and five Supercups from Italy to local level and five European cups, five European Supercups, two intercontinental cups and a world of clubs at the international level. With its national team played a total of 126 Parties--74 of them went out with Captain tape - and was part of ensembles which contested the World Cup Italy 1990 - third-, United States 1994 - runner-up-France 1998 - eliminated in quarter-final - and Korea-Japan 2002-final knockout. In addition to playing the euro several times with the Italian squad.

The rossoneri team defense dismissed the San Siro at the age of 40 at the end the season 08/09, exactly in the match that pits AC Milan against Roma on May 24, 2009, bitter defeat in the farewell of 2-3 in favour of the Roma. The last match of his career was the 31st of may

Maldini won many titles with AC Milan, the Scudetto, European Cup among other achievements, but it failed to fulfill its commitment with the national team winning the World Cup. Achieving the world runner-up in 1994 against Brazil, where Italy lost in the definition by criminal among other things with your selection. Also played the final of the European Championship in the year 2000, but losing against France.

In total I played 126 matches in which he scored seven goals, being the Italian player with more presences in his national team. In 74 of these parties he acted as captain of the team, so the player who several times has served the captain of the Italian selection.

See tomorrow for the next player:

Tennis: Djokovic cruises as Federer struggles into Cincy quarters

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Novak Djokovic continued his quest for a first title at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday while Roger Federer kept alive his bid for a sixth as both booked quarter-final spots.

The contrast between the wins could not have been more stark, with top seed Djokovic crushing Belgian qualifier David Goffin 6-2, 6-0 in well under an hour.

Federer, seeded fifth and the winner here a year ago on the fast hardcourt where he thrives, had to rally from the depths after a disaster of an opening set, finally subduing good friend Tommy Haas 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

The Swiss star has gone back to his traditional racquet at least through the US Open after experimenting without much success last month with a larger, more modern model.

He said he needed to go back to basics to pull off his 13th win from 15 meetings with Haas, who was seeded 11th.

Federer will wait for an opponent from longtime rival and last week's Montreal champion Rafael Nadal, winner of eight titles from 11 events this season, and Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov.

Russian qualifier Dmitry Tursunov upset third seed David Ferrer 6-2, 6-4. The Spaniard has won just one match in two Masters events over the past fortnight.

In other third-round results, Argentine Juan Martin del Potro beat Spain's Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 while American John Isner defeated 13th seed Milos Raonic 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 with the Canadian treated for shoulder and neck problems after five games.

On the women's side of the combined WTA and ATP event, second seed Victoria Azarenka won a match littered with 13 breaks of serve, defeating Slovak Magdalena Rybarikova 6-3, 6-4.

"I think it was a pretty good match, there was sometimes a little bit of trouble serving, but overall I felt better than I did in my first match," said Azarenka. "I was much more controlling the game. It was really up to me today, I felt."

"I was doing everything I wanted to do. I feel still there can be a lot more improvement with the execution and a little bit more consistency, but it's coming along."

Roberta Vinci claimed an Italian showdown with sixth seed Sara Errani 6-4, 6-3 while former number one Jelena Jankovic beat American Sloane Stephens 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.



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Football: Bitter-sweet return for Ivorian star Drogba



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Didier Drogba made a bitter-sweet return to international football midweek, scoring a goal as Ivory Coast crumbled 4-1 against Mexico in a New York friendly.

Introduced at half-time after the central Americans built a three-goal advantage at the MetLife Stadium, the 35-year-old Ivorian talisman soon made an impact.

A Drogba free kick was blocked by the arm of Gerardo Torrado, earning a penalty, and the Turkey-based striker sent the goalkeeper the wrong way from the spot.

But there was to be no heroic comeback by the 'Elephants' from west Africa and Mexico completed the scoring with a stoppage-time goal.

While the scoreline was embarrassing for the No.1 ranked African national team, they were short of several stars, including reigning African Footballer of the Year Yaya Toure.

Told to improve his form and fitness, Drogba obliged, and now he must await the naming of the squad for a dead-rubber World Cup qualifier against Morocco during September.

Ivory Coast clinched top place in Group C and a place in the 10-team play-offs by winning 4-2 in Tanzania last June after earlier home and away victories over Gambia.

The two-leg play-offs are scheduled for October and November with the five winners securing places at the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.



RUSSIAN FEDERATION, Moscow (AFP) -- Colombia's Caterine Ibarguen celebrates after winning the women's triple jump final at the 2013 IAAF World Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on Thursday. The Olympic silver medallist jumped a best of 14.85 metres, with Russian Ekaterina Koneva taking silver (14.81m) and Ukraine's world champion Olha Saladuha claiming bronze (14.65).

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NFL Briefs:

--New England president Jonathan Kraft said star quarterback Tom Brady was not seriously injured when he collided with another player during the Patriots' practice on Wednesday.

Three-time Super Bowl champion Brady left the field with an apparent knee injury which he suffered while attempting a pass.

Brady tore the ACL in the same knee in 2008, ending his season on what was the opening game of the year.

It isn't known if he'll play Friday night when the teams meet in an exhibition game.

Brady has played his entire NFL career with the Patriots, appearing in five Super Bowl contests.

Meanwhile The New York



Tom Brady

Jets announced Thursday that Sanchez will start over rookie Geno Smith for the preseason home game against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday night.

Sanchez is 71-for-125 (56.8%), with 10 TDs, four INTs and 10 sacks.

The Patriots announced they have released veteran wide receiver Michael Jenkins and placed offensive lineman Tyrone Green on injured reserve.

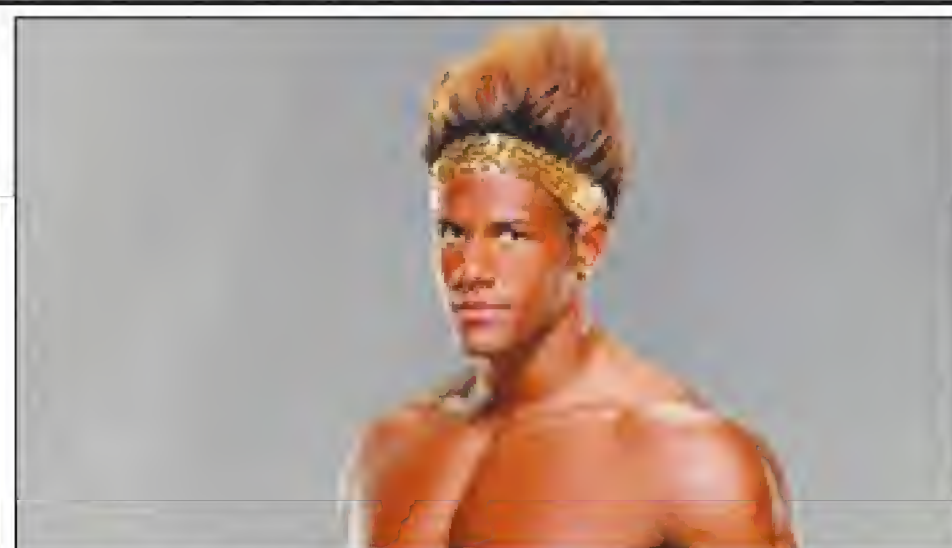
The team also released offensive lineman Kevin Haslam.

Jenkins, 31, was the most accomplished wide receiver on the Patriots roster, having caught 354 passes over nine seasons with the Atlanta Fal-

cons and Minnesota Vikings. But he had fallen behind in the competition at wide receiver, missing a number of practices because of an undisclosed ailment.

The St. Louis Rams starting linebacker Jo-Lonn Dunbar was suspended Wednesday for four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Dunbar, who was second on the team with a career-high 157 tackles last season, is able to participate in all team activities prior to the suspension, which begins with the season-opening game against Arizona. He will be able to practice and play in all exhibition contests prior to the opener.



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The testosterone-fuelled world of professional wrestling marked a notable first on Thursday as Darren Young became the sport's first openly gay active athlete. The World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) wrestler made the announcement to the TMZ.com entertainment website after being asked if he believed a gay athlete could be successful. WWE, formerly known as WWF, has seen its profile diminish since its glory years in the 1980s but continues to attract an estimated weekly audience of 14 million in the United States.

MLB:



NEW YORK, NY (AFP) - Chris Nelson #8 of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim throws out Alfonso Soriano #12 (not pictured) of the New York Yankees in the fifth inning at Yankee Stadium on Thursday. Angels won 8-



LOUIS, MO - Daniel Descalso #33 of the St. Louis Cardinals hits a two-run single off of A.J. Burnett #34 of the Pittsburgh Pirates during the fifth inning at Busch Stadium yesterday. Cardinals won 6-5.

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION, Moscow : Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva competes in the women's pole vault final at the 2013 IAAF World Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on Thursday. Isinbayeva won the gold medal.

LEXINGTON (AFP) Kyle Kelley, driver of the #87 Jamison Engineering Chevrolet, practices for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Children's Hospital 200 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course yesterday.



Owners will vote on replay proposal

Baseball prepares to expand instant replay: Managers' challenges, NFL style.

Baseball owners are considering a proposal under which managers would initiate replay reviews.

MLB vice president Joe Torre gave the replay presentation to representatives from all 30 teams on Wednesday and it was discussed Thursday morning in Cooperstown, N.Y., where owners have been meeting for two days.

Under the proposed rules, managers will be allowed one challenge over the first six innings of a game and two from the seventh inning until the completion of the game. Calls that are challenged will be reviewed by a crew in MLB headquarters in New York City, which will make a final ruling.

A manager who sees a call he feels is incorrect can file a challenge with the crew chief or home plate umpire. Only reviewable plays can be challenged. Non-reviewable plays can still be argued by managers, who can request that the umpires discuss it to see if another member of the crew saw the play differently. Review-

able plays cannot be argued by the manager.

Challenges not used in the first six innings will not carry over, and a manager who wins a challenge will retain it.

Baseball has used replay on boundary home-run calls since 2008. The sport's most recent labor agreement included a provision to expand replay to decisions on foul lines and traps, subject to an agreement with the umpires. But those changes have yet to be implemented.

The home run replay rules currently in use will be grandfathered in to the new system, Schuerholz said.

Baseball wants to implement expanded replay for the 2014 season, sources said. However, the sport must go through a series of steps before actually introducing any new plan.

The proposal, which is subject to further discussion and change, is to be voted on by the owners in November. A 75 percent vote by the owners is needed for approval and the players' association and umpires would have to agree to any changes to the current system.

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